

# Superfund Redevelopment Central Wood Preserving East Feliciana Parish Police Jury, LA

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

## **BACKGROUND**

EPA selected the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury in Clinton, Louisiana, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Clinton is home to the Central Wood Preserving Superfund site, where an abandoned wood preserving facility operated from the 1950s until 1991. Companies at the site used two chemicals to preserve the wood: creosote; and wolmanac. Wolmanac is a solution of copper oxide, chromic acid, and arsenic acid. In 1991, the facility owner declared bankruptcy and closed the operation. EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup in 1999. The site is in a community with a significant minority population.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Suburban communities are springing up around the site, and community leaders are concerned about the lack of recreational space in this growing area. The East Feliciana Parish Police Jury (EFPPJ) plans to use Pilot funds to conduct a reuse assessment of the site, identify reuse options, and provide input to EPA on incorporating reuse considerations in the cleanup selection process. After assessing the site, the EFPPJ will create a comprehensive reuse plan and an implementation strategy, and gather community and stakeholder views on the reuse proposal.

# **PILOT SNAPSHOT**



Applicant Name: East Feliciana Parish Police

Jury, LA

Site Name: Central Wood Preserving

Date of Selection: July 2000

**Anticipated Award:** Cooperative Agreement

(\$100,000)

**Profile:** The community will reach consensus and create a plan on how to reuse the site.

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